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Our Case No.: 11758-189

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kenneth J. Muderlak

Serial No.: 10/032,442

Filing Date: December 21, 2001

For: Automatic Flush Valve Actuation
Apparatus

Examiner: Eric S. Keasel

Group Art Unit No.: 3754

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are

enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed.

The references now cited are the following:

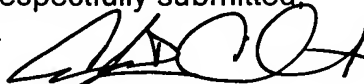
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5,680,879	October 28, 1997	Sheih et al.
6,050,545	April 18, 2000	Stolzman

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant believes no fees are necessary. Should this Information Disclosure Statement require any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, or should any fees be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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FORM PTO-1449	SERIAL NO. 10/032,442	CASE NO. 11758/189
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APPLICANT(S): Kenneth J. Muderlak		

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	5,680,879	10/28/1997	Sheih et al.		
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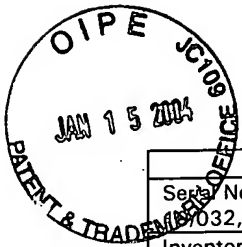
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Inventor(s) Kenneth J. Muderlak			
Title of Invention Automatic Flush Valve Actuation Apparatus			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate), Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), Form PTO-1449, Two (2) Cited References (A1-A2), Copy of International Search Report, and Return Postcard.

- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement submitted herewith.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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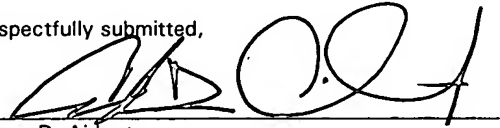
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